

COUNTRY	Eastern Germany		REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	Finsterwalde Military Post			
EVALUATION	see below	PLACE OBTAINED		25X1
DATE OF CONTENT	31 July to 10 September 1952			
DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	23 October 1952	
REFERENCES				
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REMARKS				

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1. Object 1. [redacted] the general quartered in Zimmermann Villa has been away for weeks and that a colonel on his staff was his deputy. [redacted] two soldiers with pistols were present when the general or the colonel had a hair cut. [redacted] a sign reading "Kommandantura" was hung on one of the buildings at Object 1. An officer with a visor cap having a red band who was previously observed at Object 2 when the Kommandantura was still located there was standing at the entrance of this building. (1)
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2. Object 2. On 3 August, 90 to 100 air force soldiers including officers and female personnel, left Object 2 after a moving picture performance. Sixty men marched in the direction of Object 1, while the remaining personnel walked over there individually. Thirty EM marched to Object 3, 25 female soldiers to Object 4 and 50 EM in a column marched to Object 9. Twenty of these soldiers wearing red-bordered blue epaulets entered block c. On 17 August, the personnel returning from the movies at Object 2 included 150 soldiers who went in the direction of Object 1, 32 who went in the direction of Object 3, 18 to 20 soldiers including female personnel who went to Object 4 and 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets who went to Object 9. (2)
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3. Object 3. consisted of three billeting buildings; two of them were 50 meters long. The personnel quartered there marched to Object 1 for their meals and guard relief. On 20 August, 12 motor vehicles were parked in the 20 partially destroyed stalls of Object 5. From a tailor who worked at Object 7 where shoes and uniforms of the airfield personnel were processed, it was learned that Fuchs (fnu) was administrator of the Workshops. Allegedly forty men were employed at the workshops. Among them were 30 tailors and three or four shoemakers. Both villas of Object 8 were vacant, and a guard was posted in front of them. It was rumored that the finance office was to move in here. Object 9 consisted of eight houses and two garages. The blocks (a) to (f) had 2 entrances and eight 2 1/2-room apartments, while the blocks (g) and (h) had only four 2 1/2-room apartments. On 17 August, it was observed that the guard in front of the Kommandantura had red-bordered black epaulets. (3)

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30 August. The motor vehicle stalls at Object 5 had been repaired and about 30 vehicles could be parked there. Radio truck [] left the installation.

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31 August. A sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was again observed on 31 August at the garages located at Stalin Platz. The Victoria Restaurant was returned to civilian authorities, and in turn the Lindenhof Restaurant was requisitioned by the Russians.

6 September. Personnel leaving Object 2 after a motion picture show included, 57 soldiers including female soldiers marching in the direction of Object 1, 38 soldiers marching in the direction of Object 3 and 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets marching in the direction of Object 9. It was observed that 30 soldiers from Object 2 wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the Kommandantura in Building a. At Building c two windows were lighted, all the windows of Building d were dark, individual windows were lighted at the Building e and f, and all windows were lighted at the Buildings g and h.

8 September. Object 2 was turned over to the Kreisverwaltung at Lindenhof Restaurant, located at the corner of Sonnenwald Strasse and Ponsdorfer Weg. The building which was reconditioned had 32 rooms and a hall having a capacity of 300 persons.

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Object 2 was vacant and locked but not guarded.

10 September. [] left Object 6 in the direction of Berlin with a captain. It was loaded with empty baskets. The hostess of Tanneberg Inn, 3 km north of Finsterwalde, stated that this captain always visited her restaurant and that he and a driver who lived there sold gasoline and unroasted coffee to her.

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[] except for the drivers of the trucks [] who wore red-bordered black epaulets, all personnel riding the other cars wore black-bordered blue epaulets. (1)

7. On 15 August, the two evacuated blocks on Forststrasse were guarded by sentries. On 1 September, the Victoria Hotel and moving picture theater was turned over to civilian authorities. This building was to be occupied by the new Finsterwalde Kreisverwaltung which was recently established during the reorganization of the administrations in the Soviet Zone of Germany. (3)

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Comments.

(1) [] The Zimmermann Villa is believed to be the house at 86 Friedesstrasse.

(2) This confirms a previous assumption according to which movies were shown at Object []

(3) According to all information received, as of 1 September 1952, the various Objects were occupied by the units listed below.

Object 1: Headquarters of the bomber corps

Object 2: Evacuated by the Russians and now the seat of the Kreisverwaltung

Object 3: Personnel of the bomber corps headquarters

Object 4: Dispensary

Object 5: Motor vehicle repair shop

Object 6: Main warehouse

Object 7: Workshops

Object 8: Vacant, formerly occupied by personnel of a transport unit

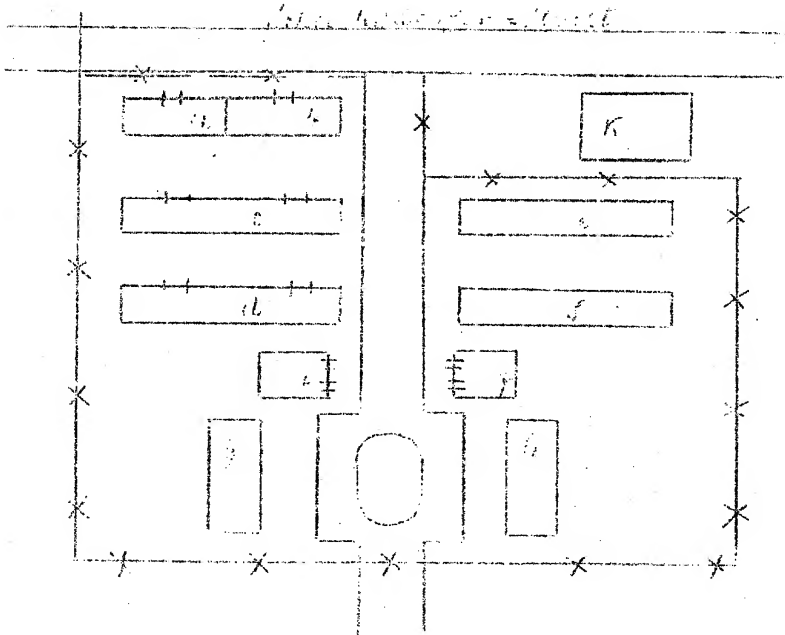
Object 9: Kommandantura.

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For layout sketch of Object 9, see Annex.

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Object 9 at Finsterwalde Military PostLegend.

- a Occupied building
- b Kommandantura
- c Occupied building
- d Vacant building
- e Vacant building
- f Vacant building
- g Vacant building
- h Vacant building
- i Boxes for motor vehicles
- j Boxes for motor vehicles
- k Quarters building with German fireman

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